

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS20377

The state of Idaho contracts with many vendors at very low prices due to the volume discounts it receives. School districts are currently able to save money by utilizing state contracts. The purpose of this bill is to increase school district awareness of cost savings that may be realized by utilizing state contracts and to educate patrons on potential savings. While this bill does not require school districts to use the state contracts, it does require that they review any state contracts that may be available for comparable products for contracts exceeding \$5,000. If the school district chooses to sign a contract with a vendor other than the vendor identified in the state contract, and that contract is more expensive than the comparable state contract, the school district is required to post information on the contract signed and extra cost incurred on their website.

FISCAL NOTE

No fiscal impact to the State of Idaho. School districts will realize savings at the local level if they utilize state contracts when they are the less expensive option.

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